



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the Mayor

Date: May 16, 2012

To: Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Health Committee

Subject: Appointment of CRA Board Chair – Robert Briscoe, Jr.
Appointment of CRA Vice Chair – Vernon Wetternach

Recommendation: Approval of Mayoral Appointment of current Civilian Review Authority (CRA) board member Robert Briscoe, Jr. as CRA Board Chair and current CRA board member Vernon Wetternach as CRA Vice Chair

Prepared by: Samuel L. Reid

Approved by: 

Presenter in Committee: Sherman Patterson

Supporting Information

Mr. Briscoe is a former Chicago police officer. He is an active member in his faith community and is a small business owner. Mr. Briscoe's vision of the CRA's role concerning education and awareness for police officers and citizens will be integral to the CRA's future role in police accountability. The board will benefit from his education and experience in his life and work in the community, as well as his experience as a police officer.

Mr. Wetternach has served on the CRA Board since 2007. Mr. Wetternach is familiar with the internal City processes and the various communities of the City of Minneapolis. Mr. Wetternach has demonstrated a commitment to public service with integrity through his past tenure on the CRA board. Mr. Wetternach previously served the city as chief of staff to Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and as aide to Council Member Diane Hofstede.